

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Elkins for the clear explanations of the grounds of rejections in the present application. Further, Applicants thank Examiner Elkins for indicating that Claim 12 is allowable and for indicating that Claims 3-5 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 112 rejections. Further, Applicants thank Examiner Elkins for indicated that Claims 15, 16, and 18 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 112 rejections. Applicants have amended Claim 10 to include the embodiments of Claims 11 and 12. Further, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include the embodiments of Claims 2 and 3. Finally, Applicants have amended the Claims 1,4-5, 15-16, and 18 as kindly suggested by Examiner Elkins in the Office Action to overcome the outstanding 112 rejections as discussed below. Applicants thank Examiner Elkins for the kind suggestions. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification and in the original Claims.

Claims 2-3, 6-9, 11-14, and 17 are cancelled. Accordingly, in the interest of efficient prosecution, Applicants have amended the Claims to place the application in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner Elkins's indication of allowable subject matter and suggested amendments. Applicants do not comment on the merits of the grounds for rejection in the outstanding Office Action, but reserve the right to address such matters at a later date upon filing a Continuation Application, when appropriate.

Claims 1, 4-5, 10, 15-16, and 18 are pending.

The rejection of Claims 2-5, 8, and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment above. The amendment above was made

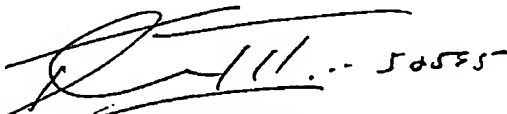
according to Examiner Elkins' kind suggestion in the outstanding Office Action. More specifically, the double inclusion of a single element is believed to have been mitigated and eliminated. For example, the phrase "an adjacent side wall" has been replaced with the phrase --an adjacent said side wall-- as suggested by the Examiner at line 5 of page 2 of the outstanding Office Action. Further, the phrase "an associated end flap panel" has been replaced with -- an associated said end flap panel--. Still further, the phrase "an associated side wall" has been replaced with --an associated said side wall--. Still further, the phrase "respective end wall panels" has been replaced with -- respective said end wall panels--. All of the other suggested changes have been made to the remaining pending claims in accordance with Examiner Elkins' kind suggestions so as to obviate the rejections.

In light of all of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amendment; and no new issues regarding patentability have been raised by the amendment above because Applicants have merely accepted the originally indicated allowable subject matter mentioned in the outstanding Office Action.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application has now been amended to include only the allowable subject matter deemed worthy of issuance as indicated by Examiner Elkins; and thank Examiner Elkins for such indications. Withdrawal of all rejections; and, a favorable indication thereof is; therefore, respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. Should anything further be required to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact below-signed by telephone.

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